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SUBJECT: GOC WILLINGNESS REOPEN AGRICOLA CASE

1. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING BILTERAL ISSUES, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO US TOURA GABA ON MARCH 22 STATED THAT GOC WILLING CONSIDER AMIABLE SETTLEMENT AGRICOLA AFFAIR. IN AIDE MEMOIRE LEFT WITH AMBASSADOR, TOURA GABA WROTE: "THE ONLY MEANS OF SETTLING THIS AFFAIR IS TO SEND AN AGRICOLA REPRESENTATIVE TO N'DJAMENA TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DISPUTED POINTS WITH THE COMPETENT CHADIAN AUTHORITIES." ORALLY, TOURA GABA SAID THAT GOC CONSIDERED THAT AGRICOLA HAD SHOWS VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN ACTUAL INVESTMENT WHILE CONCENTRATING ON MONOPOLY GUM PROFITS AND ASKING TO REPATRIATE AMOUNTS WHICH SEEMED TO GOC EXCESSIVE IN TERMS AGRICOLA INVESTMENT. DCM REMINDED TOURA GABA THAT AGRICOLA REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN REQUESTED COME TO CHAD SEVERAL OCCASIONS PREVIOUSLY, WITH PROMISES OF APPOINTMENTS, ONLY TO FIND THAT THEY HAD TO WAIT WEEKS FOR APPOINTMENTS SOME OF WHICH DID NOT EVER MATERIALIZE. TOUR GABA REPLIED THAT THIS HAD BEEN UNFORTUNATE. THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED, AND THE PAST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CLOSED. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT TOURA GABA CONTACT AGRICOLA REPRESENTATIVES IN US SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS TO DETERMINE ON WHAT BASIS N'DJAMENA TALKS MIGHT PROCEED IF AGRICOLA AGREEABLE,

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WHICH TOURA GABA UNDERTOOK TO DO.

2. COMMENT: WE SEE TWO LIKELY REASONS FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE MILDLY OPTIMISTIC GOC CHANGE OF MIND. FIRST IS THAT INCOMPETENCE OF CERTAIN SENIOR MEMBERS OF ECONOMIC/ AGRICULTURAL MINISTRIES PRIOR TO JUNE 1976 CABINET RESHUFFLE HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENT, AND A NUMBER OF PREVIOUS

DECISION ARE BEING RECONSIDERED. (FOREIGN MINISTER
KAMOUGUE APPEARS TO BE PLAYING LARGE ROLE IN THIS.)
SECONDLY, GOC PRESUMABLY ANXIOUS TO GET NEW AMBASSADOR
TO US OFF ON GOOD START.

3. EMB RECEIVED AF/W OFFICIAL/INFORMAL SURVEY AGRICOLA/
OPIC POSITIONS FOLLOWING ABOVE MEETING. AGRICOLA/OPIC
MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER TIMING THIS APPROACH, AS IT WOULD
NOW BE CONSIDERED BY GOC AS RESPONSE TO TOURA GABA
PRESENTATION. BRADFORD

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